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Subject: ACTION: Water Tank Sampling Report
GKM Reg 9 Tank Sampling Letter Report-Final revised.pdf

Nancy,

Please find attached the final report on the sampling results of water from the emergency water tanks that EPA provided to the Navajo Nation in conjunction with our response to the Gold King Mine release. Also, below is cleared language that explain the findings of the report and can be posted with the report. I understand from Christie, that Cathy Edstrom is available to post today. Let me know if you will send, or if you want be to send. - George

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is posting analytical results of water samples taken from emergency water tanks deployed to the Navajo Nation for livestock following the August 5 Gold King Mine release. The samples met all applicable EPA standards and Navajo Nation standards for irrigation and livestock consumption. The results are consistent with those reported by the Navajo Nation to EPA on September 2, 2015.

EPA contractors inspected the tanks and took water samples on September 3. The inspection noted an oil residue in the vicinity of tank #31L's ladder and on the threads at the base of the overflow pipe, which is used to manage tank overtops and does not backflow into the tank or connect to the water distribution valve. The sample results confirm that water inside tank #31L met applicable standards for irrigation and livestock.